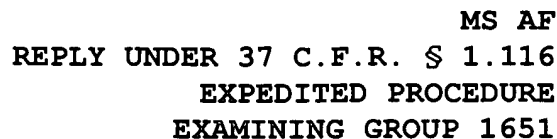


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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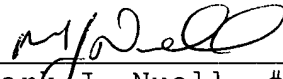
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- ☒ No fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2005, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amended Claim Set; and  
Remarks.